

organized. But who would object to banishing war from the earth, just because it turned millions out of work? It is the "wets" who have defenders, but no defense.—M. Egan, 721 N. Clark St.

MILITARY TRAINING. — James H. Dolsen hits the nail on the head in his article on military training, and is the only contributor to The Public Forum who voices the sentiment of the enlightened workingman on this subject. Dolsen further asks Allen Steven why he does not tackle this most important subject at this time, instead of the sex problem, which will not force military training on us or force us to the slaughter trenches in case of war without our consent. I wish to inform Dolsen and others that I have challenged to debate several writers on this subject, none of whom has accepted my challenge, including the secretary of the National Defense league or any one he may choose to debate with me. To me it seems debates on this subject are being widely sidetracked and only one-sided dope shot into us by newspapers and other prostituted publications, for reasons best known to themselves, as I can prove.

This subject is no exception, because the subway proposition and others which the people have voted down are being forced on us against our will, with one-sided dope for the benefit of those who will profit by them in the event of their adoption.—John Morley, 3355 N. Hamlin Av.

CIVIL SERVICE METHODS. — Only recently the "intelligent" voters, who were instrumental in placing the present city administration in power, were greatly shocked by the City Hall graft exposure. Now here is presented a specimen of the civil service commission's method of awarding efficiency in matters relating to civil service examinations.

Any intelligent person knows that to arrive at a fair, square and honest

decision as regards the fitness and competency of candidates the examiners who mark the test papers should themselves be not only good theorizers and bureaucrats, but should also possess a practical knowledge of the subject for which the examination is being conducted.

Recently, after the official announcement of the names of the successful candidates for the position of food inspector had been posted, a disappointed candidate, who had good reason to expect better treatment, made a little investigation, as any candidate had a perfect right to do, and the result of such investigation was, that out of the four examiners engaged in that particular examination, two were mere office clerks, one whose initials and name corresponds to that of a barber, and the name of the fourth examiner could not be found in the city directory.

So much for your boasted civil service efficiency and square dealing.—Optic, Oak Forest, Ill.

HOW ABOUT IT? — I understand that Sears, Roebuck & Co. have made a contract for the use of 100 delivery wagons to be used exclusively in the city of Chicago at the beginning of 1917, as it is their intention to co-operate with the retail grocers in the city.

I pass this information along, either to have it contradicted by Sears, Roebuck & Co. on the one hand or to constitute a warning to the retail grocers in the city of Chicago.

My informant is a reputable citizen and it seems perfectly feasible that Sears, Roebuck & Co. would use their tremendous buying power to take advantage of city trade.

Regarding Friend Periolat's comment about The Day Book being an adless newspaper, the writer ventures to state that Mr. Periolat's opinion is shared by so few people and is so totally contradicted by uni-